



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 16-012, Hurricane Matthew**

### **Weather Advisory**

### **Port Condition WHISKEY - 72 HOUR ALERT**

**Time: 0800 / Date: Monday, October 3, 2016**

In accordance with the National Hurricane Center forecast issued at 0500 EDT on Monday, October 3, 2016, Hurricane Matthew is moving north at 6 mph through the southern Caribbean region. The hurricane has maximum sustained winds of 130 mph system with associated heavy rainfall. Due to the possibility of gale force winds (39-54 mph / 34-37 kts) entering offshore areas of South Florida within 72 hours, the Captain of the Port (COTP) is ordering **Port Condition Whiskey to be set as follows:**

- **At 0800, Monday, October 3, 2016 - Port of Miami, Miami River, Port Everglades, Port of Palm Beach, Port of Ft. Pierce and all other terminals and facilities within Sector Miami's area of responsibility.**

**Prohibited Operations:** None at this time.

### **Current Actions:**

- Waterfront facilities should be removing potential flying debris, hazardous materials and oil pollution hazards from dockside areas.
- Container stacking plans should be considered. View MSIB 12-013 for Container Stacking Lessons Learned from Tropical Storm ISAAC, available at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/miami>.
- Manned, self-propelled, oceangoing vessels moored or at anchor should be prepared to get underway within the next 48 hours and maintain a listening watch on Channel 16 VHF-FM. The COTP should be notified of all unmanned or "dead" vessels within the COTP Miami Zone.
- Masters, owners, operators, or agents of oceangoing commercial vessels greater than 500 gross tons that must remain in port during this system because of operational system problems must request and receive permission from the COTP before the setting of Port Condition Yankee.
- Hazardous materials should be removed from areas prone to flooding.
- Facility operators should ensure the open areas of their docks, wharves, and piers are cleared of all missile hazards.
- Facility operators should notify the COTP of any labeled dangerous cargo which must remain in open areas by reason of insufficient shed space or stowage regulations. Items such as drums should be banded on pallets or laid horizontally with secure dunnage.
- The COTP will conduct preliminary checks to uncover any unsafe conditions in port areas, especially in vulnerable areas. Marine and port interests should conduct preliminary checks of their own and advise the COTP of any circumstances that cannot be corrected within 24 hours.

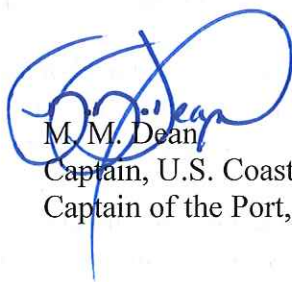
- Vessels transporting oil or certain hazardous materials may be restricted in their operations or denied entry into port by the COTP if deemed necessary in future port conditions.
- The COTP will consider the disposition of any ships in the port without electrical power or otherwise restricted in the ability to maneuver.
- All small craft that can be hauled out or placed on trailers should be secure. All other small craft should consider safe haven in sheltered locations.
- Marine and port interests should review expected arrivals and sailings to identify potential needs for assistance or possible disruption to port operations. Vessels entering or leaving port should ensure that sufficient tug assistance has been arranged, as well as coordination with pilots and port authorities.

**Anticipated Future Actions: All ports in the Miami COTP Zone should be watching this storm closely and be prepared for the onset of Port Condition X-RAY, anticipated within the next 24-48 hours, October 3, 2016 as future forecast dictate.**

Questions regarding this MSIB or required actions should be directed to the Sector Miami Incident Management Team.

Marine Safety Information Bulletin post updates are on Homeport under Port Conditions at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/miami> under "Port Conditions".

The COTP may be reached at telephone (305) 535-4472, or via Channel 16 VHF FM Marine Radio through Coast Guard Sector Miami.



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